

MICHIGAN'S WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT



The tractor/plow is the primary piece of equipment used to control wildfires in Michigan. This unit creates a fuel break that is six feet wide and does it many times faster than could be done by hand.

All fire engines used by the Michigan DNR are off-road capable, such as this converted military 6X6. These units are designed to work in tandem with the tractor/plow to ensure the fire does not spot over the fire line.



It takes a great deal of effort to coordinate the activities of the many units that may be working to control a large wildfire. The people in charge must be able to talk to each unit, as well as ambulances, police officers and others. Vans such as this one, equipped with radio equipment, cellular phones, fax machines and computers, provide the tools necessary to manage the efforts of everyone involved in controlling a large wildfire.